

COUNCIL

Tuesday, 2 March 2010

Present: Councillor Iris Smith (Mayor), Councillor Ken Ball (Deputy Mayor), Councillors Nora Ball, Eric Bell, Julia Berry, Judith Boothman, Alistair Bradley, Terry Brown, Alan Cain, Pat Case, Alan Cullens, Magda Cullens, Mike Devaney, David Dickinson, Doreen Dickinson, Dennis Edgerley, Christopher France, Anthony Gee, Peter Goldsworthy, Marie Gray, Pat Haughton, Harold Heaton, Catherine Hoyle, Keith Iddon, Kevin Joyce, Hasina Khan, Roy Lees, Laura Lennox, Adrian Lowe, Marion Lowe, Peter Malpas, Thomas McGowan, June Molyneaux, Greg Morgan, Simon Moulton, Mick Muncaster, Mark Perks, Debra Platt, Geoffrey Russell, Rosie Russell, Edward Smith, Joyce Snape, Ralph Snape, John Walker, Stella Walsh and Peter Wilson

10.C.74 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Henry Counce.

10.C.75 MINUTES OF MEETING TUESDAY, 26TH JANUARY 2010 OF COUNCIL

The Executive Leader, Councillor Peter Goldsworthy advised Members that the consultation period for the Executive and Electoral Arrangements (Minute 10.C.69) had been extended until 31 March 2010 and therefore a report on the outcome would not be considered until the April meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last Council meeting held on 26 January 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

10.C.76 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made by any Member of the Council.

10.C.77 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that she and the four political group leaders had that afternoon attended the funeral of Warrant Officer David Markland who had been killed in Afghanistan on 8 February 2010. She asked that Members of the Council stand in silence in remembrance of David who had grown up and attended school in Chorley before joining the Royal Engineers.

The Mayor referred to the computer virus problem which had resulted in all Council PCs and the telephone system going down. Systems had been restored but Members could still be without their computers and staff from the IT team would be in contact shortly to try and resolve the problem.

The Mayor thanked those who had attended her Charity Ball on 5 February which had raised £2350. She referred to other forthcoming events to support her chosen charities including an Easter raffle; a Mini Auction on the Loop; Junior Fishing Competition; and Plant Sale.

10.C.78 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions received from members of the public.

10.C.79 GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX, 2010/2011

Members of the Council considered a report of the Executive seeking approval to proposals for the Council's Revenue and Capital Budget for 2010/11 including the level of Council Tax increase proposed for the forthcoming year.

The report set out the Executive's key objective – to protect frontline services and also the key budget principles which had been the subject of consultation with the Citizens Panel, Parish Councils and with Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. As a result the key proposals for 2010/11 were:

- To freeze Council Tax for 2010/11.
- To freeze pay and display fee income and market rent.
- To continue to invest in priority services.
- To continue to make further efficiencies in management and back office costs.

The report included a number of appendices with the detailed basis of the proposals.

Appendix A – Formal Council Tax Resolution
Appendix B (B1 – B5) – Capital Programme 2010/11 – 2012/13
Appendix C – Treasury Management Strategy
Appendix D – Statutory Report
Appendix E – Medium Term Financial Strategy
Appendix F – Significant Budget Movements
Appendix G – Special Expenses Parish Precepts
Appendix H – Budget Consultation 2010/11

The Executive Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Joyce, presented the proposed budget and circulated additional information as follows:

New Appendix A – Additional Savings Options and Proposals
New Appendix B – Fees and Charges Review
New Appendix C – A Revised Formal Council Tax Resolution
New Appendix D – Analysis of Budget Variations 2009/10 – 2012/13

The additional information contained further budget proposals and savings.

Councillor Dennis Edgerley, Leader of the Labour Group circulated an alternative budget report which proposed a 1% reduction in Council Tax and further back office savings at Senior Management level and within the Policy team; from the removal of the car lease scheme for staff; plus additional investment in free parking, street cleaning, neighbourhood staffing and activities for young people.

Councillor Dennis Edgerley proposed and Councillor Adrian Lowe seconded the adoption of the Labour Group's alternative budget.

The proposal was put to the vote and the Mayor declared it LOST.

The Executive Member for Resources, Councillor Kevin Joyce moved and the Executive Leader, Councillor Peter Goldsworthy seconded, the adoption of the budget proposed under the additional budget proposals report for 2010/11 and it was **RESOLVED – that**

- (1) The proposed budget, including additional budget proposals and savings be agreed as follows:
- 1.1 The following posts be disestablished:
1 FTE Building Control Officer
1 Business Process Officer (Neighbourhoods)
1 Head of Customer Services
 - 1.2 That consultation takes place with staff in respect of reducing the Council's cost of car leasing scheme by 25%.
 - 1.3 That an immediate review be undertaken following the senior management restructure of the Council's administrative and transactional service provision to identify further potential savings.
 - 1.4 That the budget for the Council's contribution towards the Local Strategic Partnership be reduced by £50k from 2010/11.
 - 1.5 That the building maintenance revenue budget for the Council's leisure facilities be reduced by £50k from 2010/11.
 - 1.6 That the Council negotiate with Lancashire County Council with a view to producing an alternative public realm provision with a resultant saving for the Council.
 - 1.7 That the fees and charges items shown in new Appendix B be increased below inflation by 2% with effect from 1 April 2010.
 - 1.8 That £100k of non recurrent expenditure be allocated in the 2010/11 budget to pay for additional street cleaning activities and the creation of additional allotments.
- (2)
- 2.1 That the Council's Capital Programme as set out in Appendix B be approved.
 - 2.2 That the Treasury Management Strategy and its core principles as set out in Appendix C be approved.
 - 2.3 That the advice of the Statutory Finance Officer on the robustness of the budget and risks be noted as set out in Appendix D.
 - 2.4 That the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy as set out in Appendix E be approved.
 - 2.5 That the significant budget movements from the 2009/10 budget as set out in Appendix F be noted.
 - 2.6 That the Special Expenses and Parish Precepts as set out in Appendix G be noted; and
 - 2.7 That the Budget Consultation Responses set out in Appendix H be noted.
- (3) That the Council Tax for 2010/11 remain at the levels set in 2009/10 as formally set out below:
1. That it be noted that acting under delegated powers the Director of Finance calculated the amount of 35,204.50 as its Council Tax Base for the year 2010/11 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax

Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

- (a) 35,204.50 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its Council Tax Base for the year.
- (b) being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

	(b)Part of the Council's area	2010/11
		£
Parish of:	Adlington	1,951.60
	Anderton	498.90
	Anglezarke	17.00
	Astley Village	1,092.00
	Bretherton	291.40
	Brindle	456.10
	Charnock Richard	677.20
	Clayton le Woods	4,692.30
	Coppull	2,343.30
	Croston	1,026.90
	Cuerden	39.50
	Eccleston	1,557.60
	Euxton	3,409.80
	Heapey	379.80
	Heath Charnock	794.20
	Heskin	345.90
	Hoghton	358.20
	Mawdesley	749.40
	Rivington	50.80
	Ulnes Walton	257.50
	Wheelton	393.60
	Whittle Woods	1,982.70
	Withnell	1,239.10
	All other parts of the Council's area	10,599.70
	Total	35,204.50

- 2. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2010/11 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
 - (a) £48,980,040 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act;
 - (b) £33,576,240 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act;

- (c) £15,403,800 being the amount by which the aggregate at 2(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year;
- (d) £8,486,750 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, Revenue Support Grant, increased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its collection fund to its general fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988;
- (e) £196.48 being the amount at 2(c) above less the amount at 2(d) above, all divided by the amount at 1(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year;
- (f) £1,284,713 being the aggregated amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act;
- (g) £159.99 being the amount at 2(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2(f) above by the amount at 1(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special items relates;

	(h)Part of the Council's area	
		£
Parish of:	Adlington	173.72
	Anderton	171.02
	Anglezarke	159.99
	Astley Village	206.56
	Bretherton	191.30
	Brindle	179.15
	Charnock Richard	200.78
	Clayton le Woods	222.69
	Coppull	201.96
	Croston	190.38
	Cuerden	197.45
	Eccleston	192.55
	Euxton	211.16
	Heapey	201.70
	Heath Charnock	187.99
	Heskin	195.11
	Hoghton	179.00
	Mawdesley	193.35
	Rivington	191.49
	Ulnes Walton	180.82
	Wheulton	188.90
	Whittle le Woods	198.41
	Withnell	192.10
	All other parts of the Council's area	187.28
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being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2(g) above to the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate;

(i) Part of the Council's Area

	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Parish of:								
Adlington	115.81	135.12	154.42	173.72	212.32	250.93	289.53	347.44
Anderton	114.01	133.02	152.02	171.02	209.02	247.03	285.03	342.04
Anglezarke	106.66	124.44	142.21	159.99	195.54	231.10	266.65	319.98
Astley Village	137.71	160.66	183.61	206.56	252.46	298.36	344.27	413.12
Bretherton	127.53	148.79	170.04	191.30	233.81	276.32	318.83	382.60
Brindle	119.43	139.34	159.24	179.15	218.96	258.77	298.58	358.30
Charnock Richard	133.85	156.16	178.47	200.78	245.40	290.02	334.63	401.56
Clayton le Woods	148.46	173.20	197.95	222.69	272.18	321.66	371.15	445.38
Coppull	134.64	157.08	179.52	201.96	246.84	291.72	336.60	403.92
Croston	126.92	148.07	169.23	190.38	232.69	274.99	317.30	380.76
Cuerden	131.63	153.57	175.51	197.45	241.33	285.21	329.08	394.90
Eccleston	128.37	149.76	171.16	192.55	235.34	278.13	320.92	385.10
Euxton	140.77	164.24	187.70	211.16	258.08	305.01	351.93	422.32
Heapey	134.47	156.88	179.29	201.70	246.52	291.34	336.17	403.40
Heath Charnock	125.33	146.21	167.10	187.99	229.77	271.54	313.32	375.98
Heskin	130.07	151.75	173.43	195.11	238.47	281.83	325.18	390.22
Hoghton	119.33	139.22	159.11	179.00	218.78	258.56	298.33	358.00
Mawdesley	128.90	150.38	171.87	193.35	236.32	279.28	322.25	386.70
Rivington	127.66	148.94	170.21	191.49	234.04	276.60	319.15	382.98
Ulnes Walton	120.55	140.64	160.73	180.82	221.00	261.18	301.37	361.64
Wheelton	125.93	146.92	167.91	188.90	230.88	272.86	314.83	377.80
Whittle le Woods	132.27	154.32	176.36	198.41	242.50	286.59	330.68	396.82
Withnell	128.07	149.41	170.76	192.10	234.79	277.48	320.17	384.20
All other parts of the Council's area	124.85	145.66	166.47	187.28	228.90	270.52	312.13	374.56

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2(g) and 2(h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

3. That it be noted that for the year 2010/11 the Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Police Authority, and the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Precepting authority								
Lancashire County Council *	738.87	862.01	985.16	1,108.30	1,354.59	1,600.88	1,847.17	2,216.60
Lancashire Combined Fire Authority *	42.43	49.51	56.58	63.65	77.79	91.94	106.08	127.30
Lancashire Police Authority*	97.51	113.77	130.02	146.27	178.77	211.28	243.78	292.54

4. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2(i) and 3 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2010/11 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

(i) Part of the Council's Area

	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Parish of:	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Adlington	994.62	1,160.41	1,326.18	1,491.94	1,823.47	2,155.03	2,486.56	2,983.88
Anderton	992.82	1,158.31	1,323.78	1,489.24	1,820.17	2,151.13	2,482.06	2,978.48
Anglezarke	985.47	1,149.73	1,313.97	1,478.21	1,806.69	2,135.20	2,463.68	2,956.42
Astley Village	1,016.52	1,185.95	1,355.37	1,524.78	1,863.61	2,202.46	2,541.30	3,049.56
Bretherton	1,006.34	1,174.08	1,341.80	1,509.52	1,844.96	2,180.42	2,515.86	3,019.04
Brindle	998.24	1,164.63	1,331.00	1,497.37	1,830.11	2,162.87	2,495.61	2,994.74
Charnock Richard	1,012.66	1,181.45	1,350.23	1,519.00	1,856.55	2,194.12	2,531.66	3,038.00
Clayton le Woods	1,027.27	1,198.49	1,369.71	1,540.91	1,883.33	2,225.76	2,568.18	3,081.82
Coppull	1,013.45	1,182.37	1,351.28	1,520.18	1,857.99	2,195.82	2,533.63	3,040.36
Croston	1,005.73	1,173.36	1,340.99	1,508.60	1,843.84	2,179.09	2,514.33	3,017.20
Cuerden	1,010.44	1,178.86	1,347.27	1,515.67	1,852.48	2,189.31	2,526.11	3,031.34
Eccleston	1,007.18	1,175.05	1,342.92	1,510.77	1,846.49	2,182.23	2,517.95	3,021.54
Euxton	1,019.58	1,189.53	1,359.46	1,529.38	1,869.23	2,209.11	2,548.96	3,058.76
Heapey	1,013.28	1,182.17	1,351.05	1,519.92	1,857.67	2,195.44	2,533.20	3,039.84
Heath Charnock	1,004.14	1,171.50	1,338.86	1,506.21	1,840.92	2,175.64	2,510.35	3,012.42
Heskin	1,008.88	1,177.04	1,345.19	1,513.33	1,849.62	2,185.93	2,522.21	3,026.66
Hoghton	998.14	1,164.51	1,330.87	1,497.22	1,829.93	2,162.66	2,495.36	2,994.44
Mawdesley	1,007.71	1,175.67	1,343.63	1,511.57	1,847.47	2,183.38	2,519.28	3,023.14
Rivington	1,006.47	1,174.23	1,341.97	1,509.71	1,845.19	2,180.70	2,516.18	3,019.42
Ulnes Walton	999.36	1,165.93	1,332.49	1,499.04	1,832.15	2,165.28	2,498.40	2,998.08
Wheilton	1,004.74	1,172.21	1,339.67	1,507.12	1,842.03	2,176.96	2,511.86	3,014.24
Whittle le Woods	1,011.08	1,179.61	1,348.12	1,516.63	1,853.65	2,190.69	2,527.71	3,033.26
Withnell	1,006.88	1,174.70	1,342.52	1,510.32	1,845.94	2,181.58	2,517.20	3,020.64
All other parts of the Council's area	1,003.66	1,170.95	1,338.23	1,505.50	1,840.05	2,174.62	2,509.16	3,011.00

5. That the Statutory Finance Officer and his officers be authorised to take any action necessary to ensure collection and recovery of the Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates.

EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL TAX SETTING RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 1

(a) Before we can calculate the Council Tax to be charged, we first have to calculate the Council Tax base. The Council Tax base is the amount which a Band D Council Tax of £1.00 would raise. For 2010/11 we estimate that a £1.00 Council Tax at Band D would raise £35,204.50 in the Chorley area.

(b) This shows the “base” figure for each Parish in the area. For example, a £1.00 Band D Council Tax in Adlington would raise £1,951.60.

RESOLUTION 2

(a) This is the grand total of money which the Council estimates it will spend on all services in 2010/11. It also includes £595,034 which Parish Councils need to run their services.

(b) This is the grand total of money which the Council estimates it will receive from various sources in the year. This includes, for example, car park charges, investment income, government grants in respect of benefits, etc.

(c) This is the difference between 2(a) and 2(b) and is in effect the Council’s and Parishes net spending on services.

(d) This is the amount that the Government will contribute towards the cost of our services. Also included is extra Council Tax resulting from new properties and expected collection rates in previous years.

(e) The difference between 2(c) and 2(d) is £6,917,050 and this is the amount we need to charge Council Taxpayers. This is divided by the base (see 1(a) above) and the resulting figure of £196.48 is the average Band D Council Tax for all Borough and Parish services.

(f) The total of all the amounts needed from Council Taxpayers by the Parish Councils in the area and for Chorley Borough Special Expenses.

(g) This is the Band D Council Tax for Chorley Borough Council’s own services, ie excluding Parish Council spending and Special Expenses

(h) This table shows the Band D Council Tax for all parishes including the cost of the Parish Councils and Chorley Borough Council. For example, Adlington’s Band D Council Tax is £159.99 for Chorley Borough services and £8.97 for Adlington Town Council services and £4.76 for Chorley Borough Special Expenses.

(i) The rate for each property Band is calculated by reference to the Band D charge. The following ratios apply:

Band A	$\frac{6}{9}$ ths of Band D
Band B	$\frac{7}{9}$ ths of Band D
Band C	$\frac{8}{9}$ ths of Band D
Band D	$\frac{9}{9}$ ths of Band D
Band E	$\frac{11}{9}$ ths of Band D
Band F	$\frac{13}{9}$ ths of Band D
Band G	$\frac{15}{9}$ ths of Band D
Band H	$\frac{18}{9}$ ths of Band D

For Adlington Band A, for example, the charge is $\pounds 173.72 \times 6 \div 9 = \pounds 115.81$; for Band B it is $\pounds 173.72 \times 7 \div 9 = \pounds 135.12$.

RESOLUTION 3

Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Fire Authority and Lancashire Police Authority are separate bodies who have worked out their own estimates of spending and income for 2010/11 and have set taxes in a similar way to Chorley Borough Council. This resolution notes their final decision.

RESOLUTION 4

This pulls together the Council Taxes for Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Fire Authority, Lancashire Police Authority, Chorley Borough Council and the Parish Councils. For example, the Band D for Adlington is $\pounds 1,491.94$ made up as follows:

	£
Lancashire County Council (as in 3 above)	1,108.30
Lancashire Fire Authority (as in 3 above)	63.65
Lancashire Police Authority (as in 3 above)	146.27
Chorley Borough Council (as in 2(g) above)	159.99
Adlington Town Council	8.97
Special Expenses	4.76

RESOLUTION 5

Formally authorise the necessary staff to take legal action to collect arrears as and when this is necessary. ***For the vast majority of taxpayers, this is not needed***

Mayor